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## U.S. raises terror level to orange

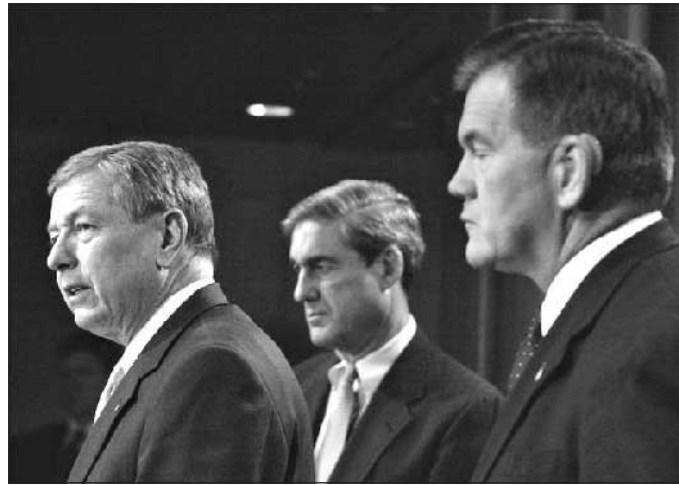
BY CURT ANDERSON

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration Friday raised the national terror alert from yellow to orange, the second-highest level in the color-coded system. Attorney General John Ashcroft cited an "increased likelihood" that the al-Qaida terror network would attack Americans, either at home or abroad.

Ashcroft said apartment buildings, hotels or other "lightly secured targets" in the United States could be vulnerable. The attorney general also said terrorists might seek "economic targets, including the transportation and energy sectors, as well as symbolic targets and symbols of American power."

He told a Justice Department news conference the decision was based on an increase in intelligence pointing to a possible attack by Osama bin Laden's organization timed to coincide with the hajj, the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia,



Attorney General John Ashcroft, left, announces raising the national terror alert from yellow to orange, the second-highest level in the color-coded system, on Friday in Washington. Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, right, and FBI Director Robert Mueller also spoke.

Islam's holiest site. The holy period begins Saturday and ends mid-February.

Tens of thousands of pilgrims are traveling during the period before and after the five-day hajj, straining the ability of security officials to keep

track of militants who might use the occasion to reposition themselves.

The change in the alert level will trigger a governmentwide increase in security precautions.

"We are not recommending

that events be canceled," nor should individuals change their travel, work or recreational plans, Ashcroft said.

Even so, Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge urged Americans "in the days ahead, take some time to prepare for emergencies."

As an example, Ridge suggested that families devise plans for contacting one another if separated by an emergency.

"Terrorist attacks can really take many forms," he said.

White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said the decision to raise the alert level was made after the president's daily CIA and FBI briefings and upon the recommendation of Ashcroft and Ridge.

That recommendation was delivered after the homeland security council spent over an hour poring over new intelligence in the White House situation room.

When given the recommendation, Bush said, "I agree. Change the code," according to Fleischer.

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## Logistics units on the move

BY JON R. ANDERSON

*Stars and Stripes*

MANNHEIM, Germany — U.S. military leaders in Europe are dispatching about 2,000 logistics experts to support the pending war against Iraq.

The mostly supply and transportation units will remain within the U.S. European Command's turf, but directly bordering U.S. Central Command, said Maj. Judith Gardener, an Army spokeswoman.

Turkey is the last outpost for forces under European command. East of that, it's all desert — and all CENTCOM.

The units now deploying are all from the Army's European logistics hub in Kaiserslautern, Germany. They include:

■ 21st Theater Support Command Headquarters

■ 37th Transportation Command

■ 1st Transportation Movement Control Agency

■ 200th Materiel Management Command

■ Elements of the 29th Support Group

Leading the logistics contingent is Maj. Gen. William Mortensen, commander of the 21st TSC.

The deployment orders come as the Turkish parliament approved U.S. plans to improve ports and military bases on Thursday. The upgrades are designed to allow thousands of U.S. combat troops to

transit through Turkey to open up a northern front against Baghdad, should the White House order Saddam Hussein removed from power.

Turkey's latest parliamentary vote, however, leaves some 2,000 1st Infantry Division soldiers still waiting in political limbo.

The division headquarters — along with several support units — were mobilized for deployment to Turkey last week. Hundreds of pieces of equipment have been loaded aboard trains bound for transit ports to ship the gear across the Mediterranean.

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# Orange

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The alert has been at code yellow, or "elevated," which is the middle of a five-point scale of risk developed after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It was last raised to orange in September and stayed there for two weeks to coincide with the first anniversary of the attacks. The highest alert level is red.

Ashcroft said there was a "sound basis" for the decision. However, he declined to go beyond that.

"This decision for an increased threat condition designation is based on specific intelligence received and analyzed by the full intelligence community. This information has been corroborated by multiple intelligence sources," Ashcroft said.

Other officials said U.S. preparation for a possible war with Iraq was also a factor in the decision to raise the alert status.

"Since September the 11th, the U.S. intelligence community has indicated that the al-Qaida terrorist network is still determined to attack innocent Americans, both here and abroad," Ashcroft said.

He said the recent bombings of a nightclub in Bali, Indonesia, and of a resort hotel in Mombasa, Kenya, "demonstrate the continued willingness of al-Qaida to strike at peaceful, innocent civilians."

Ashcroft also said the global terror network could even try to mount a chemical, biological or radiological attack.

Ridge said local and state law enforcement agencies, the nation's governors, many mayors and Congress had been informed of the change in the alert status.

Ridge outlined the threat Friday morning in a conference call with the nation's governors, urging them to increase their security efforts and discussing confidential security precautions. He also plans to talk to congressional leaders and to several dozen business leaders who control critical infrastructure, which could include electric power grids, dams or nuclear plants.

The public will likely see some changes, such as delays at some facilities and events and some buildings will be harder to enter.

Other precautions, however, will be secret and go largely unnoticed by most people.

Examples cited by Fleischer included more random inspections of baggage at airports, tighter scrutiny at U.S. borders and more checks of cargo coming into U.S. ports.

Government officials have grown increasingly concerned about the likelihood of terrorist attacks within the United States as intelligence sources are reporting an increase in terrorist activity or "chatter." One official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the activity appeared to be peaking and was rivaling that seen before the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

Officials are increasingly worried that al-Qaida and other terrorist groups might try to use chemical, biological or radiological weapons such as a "dirty bomb" that spews radiation into the atmosphere over a relatively confined area. There is no evidence, they say, that al-Qaida has acquired nuclear weapons but there is ample proof that it was working with a variety of harmful substances.

There is also concern that individual al-Qaida member or sympathizers could attempt small-scale attacks, such as a shooting or suicide bombing.

## News tracker: What's new with old news

### Nation

**Guardsman, wife plead innocent:** A former National Guard officer and his ex-wife pleaded innocent to possession and attempted sale of illegally obtained national security secrets that the FBI said are worth millions of dollars.

Rafael Davila, 51, and Deborah Davila, 46, entered their pleas at a detention hearing in Spokane, Wash., on Thursday. Both have been held without bail since their arrest Tuesday. A bail hearing was set for Friday.

**Final arguments in Regan case:** With testimony complete in the Alexandria, Va., trial of spy suspect Brian Patrick Regan, lawyers for both sides prepared for one last chance to sway jurors.

The defense rested Thursday, without calling Regan to the stand. Regan has pleaded innocent to charges he attempted to sell classified information to Iraq, Libya and China for \$13 million. The defense ended its arguments by playing videotapes for the judge and jury in a closed-door session.

The last two defense witnesses were national security experts, who testified Thursday the U.S. intelligence Regan was carrying when he was arrested on Aug. 23, 2001, would not have harmed America if sold to a foreign government.

**Foiled carjacker:** A man who was pummeled by a college judo team from Florida when they caught him trying to steal their van in Los Angeles was sentenced to 11 years in prison for kidnapping, robbery and carjacking.

Tyrone Jermain Hogan, 20, pleaded guilty and was sentenced Thursday.

Team members said Hogan asked one of them for money before reaching into the van to take the keys. The club's instructor, Nestor Bustillo, said the students punched Hogan, then held him "like a pretzel on the ground" until police arrived.

### War on terrorism

**No entry for 'shield' leader:** Border police on Friday denied entry into Turkey to the leader of a group of "human shields" headed for Iraq ahead of a possible U.S.-led attack, an official said.

Ken O'Keefe, the founder of the "Human Shield Mission" protest group, flew into Istanbul from Italy but was not let into the country

when he presented a passport issued by the World Service Authority.

Five other activists accompanying O'Keefe were allowed into the country, while O'Keefe flew back to Italy.

O'Keefe, a 33-year-old former U.S. marine, is a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War. He gave up his U.S. citizenship four years ago to protest U.S. foreign policy.

**Trial delayed:** The government Thursday temporarily blocked one of six men accused of training in an al-Qaida camp from testifying at a co-defendant's bail hearing in Buffalo, N.Y.

The U.S. Attorney's office disputed a ruling that defendant Sahim Alwan had a right to confront Faysal Galab about statements Galab made about Alwan in a plea agreement last month.

The statements are the basis for a government motion seeking to revoke Alwan's bail. The judge postponed the hearing indefinitely to consider the government's objection.

### World

**Clashes in Chechnya:** Rebel attacks on federal positions and land mine explosions left seven soldiers dead over the past 24 hours, and three riot police officers were killed in a rebel ambush, an official in the pro-Moscow Chechen administration said Friday.

Despite Kremlin attempts to portray the situation in Russia's rebellious southern republic as stabilizing, daily rebel attacks continue unabated, inflicting casualties and sapping morale.

**Possible Ebola outbreak:** After 16 suspicious deaths, medical experts headed to northern Republic of Congo on Thursday to investigate a feared outbreak of Ebola.

The six-person team from the health ministry and the World Health Organization were traveling to the towns of Mbomo, Kelle and Yembelange.

The mission was prompted by reports of an illness "consistent with hemorrhagic fever," WHO spokesman Iain Simpson said in Geneva.

Ebola is one of the world's deadliest viral diseases, causing death through massive blood loss in up to 90 percent of those infected. The disease spreads through bodily fluids — though not the air.

From wire and staff reports

# Logistics: About 2,000 to support possible war

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Elements of the Big Red One, as the division is known, are expected to oversee security for forces transiting through Turkey into northern Iraq.

The U.S.-based 4th Infantry Division is expected to lead an actual invasion.

Despite high-level pressure from U.S. leaders for permission for American combat troops to begin entering Turkey, lawmakers there instead left that question for another vote now expected after Muslim holidays end next week.

In other deployment news, the USS Kitty Hawk, now in its home port at Yokosuka, Japan, soon will sail for the Persian Gulf region, bringing to five the number of aircraft carriers in the U.S. Central Command area of re-

sponsibility, a Navy official at the Pentagon told Stars and Stripes.

While Kitty Hawk crewmembers have yet to receive their official deployment orders, those orders have been signed by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, the official confirmed. Reports of the ship movements first appeared in The Washington Post on Friday.

The carrier USS Carl Vinson, based in California, is to head to the Pacific Ocean to take over for the Kitty Hawk and retain a carrier presence there, the official said.

The Vinson just completed training missions off the coast of Hawaii, "so she's halfway there," the source said.

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# Bush calls for quick U.N. decision on Iraq

BY BARRY SCHWEID

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WASHINGTON — President Bush on Friday urged the U.N. Security Council to “make up its mind soon” about confronting Iraq, or the United States would disarm Saddam Hussein with the help of a coalition of allies.

“If the Security Council were to allow a dictator to lie and deceive, the Security Council will be weak,” Bush said before a ceremony to swear in new Treasury Secretary John Snow.

But France’s ambassador to the United States, while agreeing Saddam was a dictator, said 10 or 11 of the 15 members of the U.N. Security Council want to extend inspections rather than use force.

“Let’s have the inspectors do their job,” Jean-David Levitte said at the United States Institute of Peace. “Saddam is in his box, and the box is now closed with the inspections.”

France, which has the power to kill any resolution

with a veto, leaves open the use of force as an ultimate option, though, and will not decide on a position until after U.N. weapons inspectors report to the Council on Feb. 14, he said.

Germany also rebuffed Bush’s call for a new U.N. resolution and urged that weapons inspectors should be given more time to work.

Bush’s call Thursday for the United Nations to show resolve and his warning that “the game is over” for Saddam provoked consternation among German officials, who rated his tough talk as a sign that war is fast approaching.

But government spokesman Hans-Hermann Langguth said, “At this time, the German government sees no need for a second resolution.”

Bush said Secretary of State Colin Powell’s presentation earlier this week made very clear that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had not disarmed. The president said he is confident that allies will meet their responsibilities after digesting that information.

It would be helpful, Bush said, to have a new resolution out of the Security Council. But he left no doubt about his intention to take action without one.

“He’s treated the demands of the world as a joke,” Bush said of Saddam. “If he wanted to disarm, he would have disarmed.”

Britain is likely to introduce a resolution in the U.N. Security Council to authorize force to disarm Iraq after next week’s report, British and U.S. diplomats said Thursday.

“The U.N. must not back down,” Bush said Thursday, reading a prepared statement in the White House Roosevelt Room. “All the world can rise to this moment.”

The number of U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf region now stands at about 113,000 — nearly half of them in Kuwait, the main launch point for any U.S.-led ground invasion — and it is expected to reach 150,000 by Feb. 15, a senior official said Wednesday.

## Navy experts train techs in Yemen

SAN’A, Yemen — U.S. Navy experts are training more than 200 Yemeni naval technicians to join the country’s newly established coast guard unit, a Yemeni security official said Tuesday.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the technicians started a three-week training program this week in the southern port of Aden under the supervision of U.S. Navy experts.

The technicians are specialized in areas including radar systems, navigation and mechanics, the official added.

The U.S. Embassy in the capital San’a said the ongoing training was part of the cooperation between Yemen and the United States following attacks on Western targets in the country.

The coast guard is a product of February talks between Gen. Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, and Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Yemen said it plans to send its first 20 coast guard officers for more training in the United States.

## Former Raiders FB visiting NSA Naples

One-time Raiders’ fullback Napoleon McCallum — who suffered a career-ending knee injury in a 1994 game against the San Francisco 49ers — will visit the Ciao Hall at NSA Naples, Italy, on Saturday.

“We’re going to feed him lunch first, but he’ll probably be signing [autographs] more than eating,” said Chief Mark Adams, a mess management specialist at Ciao Hall.

McCallum, who got his start playing college ball for the Navy, will help kick off the sports theme section of the mess hall.

From staff and wire reports

# Afghan cave search yields success

BY MARK KENNEDY

*The Associated Press*

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Staff Sgt. Jefferey Paine’s first combat assignment wasn’t exactly easy.

The squad leader from Wilder, Vt., was told to climb thousands of feet up a rugged mountain in southeastern Afghanistan and root out dozens of militants believed to be hiding there.

“I was peering into caves, wondering what was in the darkness,” he recalled Thursday.

Paine was one of about 500 U.S. soldiers sent to the area around the mountain, called Adi Ghar, on Jan. 27 after a devastating airstrike by U.S.

and coalition aircraft that killed at least 18 militants.

Nine days later, all 75 caves in the area had been checked by soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division and no more fighters were found.

Army 1st Lt. Charles Boldt’s experience on the mountain began poorly. As a platoon leader with the first team to respond to a tip about enemy forces massed on the slopes, Boldt arrived Jan. 27 in one of two Chinook helicopters.

“After the helicopter landed, we had two Special Forces guys come up and tell us ‘Hey, you just landed in a mine field,’” Boldt said. “So that was obviously a little intimidating right there.”

The landing area turned out

to be safe. The morning after the attack, Paine and Boldt were told to go cave-to-cave on the mountain to hunt for survivors. Boldt, from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., also found himself peering into the darkness. He took no chances.

“We would prep all the caves as best as we could and try not to enter ones that might possibly be booby-trapped without first firing something at it.”

Now safely back at Bagram Air Base, the soldiers said they look back at the mission with pride.

“I’d say it was a success,” said Boldt. “You can never be 100 percent sure that you’ve found everything. But we did our best.”

# DODDS Europe details 17.9M in budget cuts

BY DAVID JOSAR

*Stars and Stripes*

Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe officials have released a detailed breakdown of how they implemented \$17.9 million in budget cuts this year, reiterating that no sport or extracurricular activity has been affected.

At one point, DODDS Europe had considered reducing the number of games for some teams after it was hit by the budget crunch. But financial planners and leaders were able to avert such steps by looking at other spending priorities to reduce the nearly \$600 million DODDS Europe budget.

"A year from now, no one can predict the future ... but we're going to take a hard look at our budget and how we manage," DODDS Europe spokesman Frank O'Gara said.

This is the second straight year that DODDS officials have had to address spending cuts implemented by the Defense Department after they thought they had a working budget.

"We had to look at ways to be more efficient," said Harvey Gerry, DODDS Europe chief of staff.

Department of Defense Education Activity director Dr. Joseph Tafoya, in a written statement, said directors of DODDS in Europe, the Pacific and in the United States will meet several times this spring to review the budget process in a move to hopefully avert another crisis next year.

DODEA, based in Arlington, Va., is the parent organization of DODDS.

The \$17.9 million in cuts make up roughly 3 percent of DODDS-Europe's annual budget. All DODDS schools faced similar cuts, as did much of the Department of Defense.

Many of the savings, O'Gara and Gerry explained, came by starting the next school year five days later and allowing teacher training to occur in those five days. They said the shift saves money on transportation and substitute teachers.

That decision will produce savings of about \$1 million, the approximate amount that had been targeted to be cut from sports and other programs, such as the Model United Nations and Odyssey of the Mind, Gerry said.

Only one activity, Project Bold, was cut for students, O'Gara said. The three-week summer program for about 30 children takes place at the Hinterbrand Lodge in Berchtesgaden, Germany.

O'Gara said DODDS decided to stop the program at the lodge, although other events there will continue, because it was not held during the school year and the number of students participating was relatively small.

He said there remains a misperception that some extracurricular funding has been cut. DODDS Europe does not pay for lodging and meals or chaperones, O'Gara said, and students must raise money for that portion of their activities.

DODDS will, however, pay for registration fees, which, for an event like the Model United Nations, can be quite expensive, O'Gara said.

The total cuts will be spread fairly evenly between DODDS' five districts, O'Gara said. To accommodate the shift in teacher training, most schools will start Sept. 2 instead of in August, Gerry said. However, the number of days students attend school should not be affected, he said.

Teacher training is especially important for DODDS teachers overseas because those opportunities are more difficult to get than if they were living in the United States, he said.

This is the second year in a row that DODDS Europe and DODEA have faced budget cuts. Last year, DODDS Europe initially had its budget slashed by \$10.1 million, but over the summer got back about \$4 million.

About 8,800 teachers work in the DODEA system to serve 106,000 students, of which about 74,000 are overseas.

The system has a budget of \$1.2 billion, 76 percent of which — about \$911.4 million — are "fixed costs" that go to toward payroll.

From the remainder, the system has to pay for such things as sport programs, extracurricular activities, teacher training, maintenance and repairs.

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## German police: U.S. soldier shot himself

BY MELISSA EDDY

*The Associated Press*

SCHWEINFURT, Germany — A U.S. soldier wounded by gunfire in Germany has admitted he shot himself in frustration over his Army career, German police said Friday.

The 26-year-old private first class initially told police he was attacked by an unknown assailant early Monday while standing near his car in a parking lot near his barracks in Schweinfurt, 60 miles east of Frankfurt. He was wounded in the left hand and leg.

"In a third round of questioning, he finally admitted that he had shot himself," police investigator Heinz Henneberger told a news conference.

Police said the man told them where to find his pistol, which he had thrown in a nearby bush. Four cartridges found at the scene were matched with the pistol, which was the soldier's private weapon, not Army issue, police said.

The soldier, whose name was not released by authorities, is assigned to the 15,000-strong 1st Infantry Division that has recently begun deploying 1,800 troops as part of the buildup of forces for a possible war against Iraq.

German police said the soldier's unit had not been assigned to duty in the Gulf region and they didn't believe he was trying to injure himself to avoid duty.

The soldier had a history of depression and talked to police of trying to kill himself, but it was unclear whether that was his intention Monday, Schweinfurt police chief Juergen Karl said.

"He said he was unhappy because he had not been successful — he did not get where he wanted to be in his career," he said. "We all have dreams in life and he had simply not fulfilled his."

The U.S. military refused to comment on the result of the German inquiry, saying its own investigation is still under way. The soldier remains in a hospital, where he is in stable condition.

After the soldier's first statements to police, German authorities put 17 officers on the case and offered a \$5,400 reward for clues.

Police then found the four cartridges and blood-stained slippage marks in the snow several yards from where the American claimed to have been standing when attacked.

"What he told us had happened did not fit with evidence that we found at the scene," Henneberger said. On Wednesday, the soldier was brought back to the site of the incident to reconstruct what had happened.

The soldier could be charged under German law with lying to police about a crime, police said, but only if the U.S. Army does not press its own charges.

The Germans have closed their investigation and are awaiting the results of the U.S. inquiry, which also will determine whether the soldier had the right to carry his pistol while off base.



# Airmen greet Rumsfeld at Aviano

BY KENT HARRIS

*Stars and Stripes*

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — There were no major announcements on the war on terrorism. No inside information regarding a potential war with Iraq. And nothing at all about the parking situation on Area 1.

But Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld was a big hit Friday during his first visit to Aviano.

Rumsfeld — making a brief stop between meetings in Rome and Munich — received a boisterous greeting from thousands of airmen on entering one of the base's hangars. And he left about an hour later, with dozens of airmen shaking his hands and snapping pictures.

"I think he's a very good speaker," said Senior Airman Sarah Nichols of the 31st Maintenance Squadron. "And he gave us a lot of information."

Rumsfeld flew into the base, was briefed on the missions of the 31st Fighter Wing and 16th Air Force and then took a whirlwind tour before his visit to a hangar packed with airmen, civilian employees, family members and local nationals.

He said Americans appreciate the efforts that troops stationed abroad are taking on behalf of the country.

Rumsfeld spent just a few minutes on prepared remarks, then answered questions from airmen on topics including relations with NATO ally Turkey, activation of reserve forces, smallpox vaccinations, reactivating the draft, new aircraft and life after Iraq.

Airmen were jokingly told beforehand that they couldn't ask him questions about personally getting a raise, make comments deriding Osama bin Laden or pose queries about the base's sometimes-crowded parking situation.

So Airman 1st Class Norma Williams of the 31st Medical Group asked about the smallpox vaccine. She hasn't gotten it yet and asked if everyone in the military was going to.

"I don't know," Rumsfeld said. "I've gotten mine."

He said the military was currently only giving the vaccinations to those who it thought were at highest risk.

On other subjects:

■ Rumsfeld said the situation in Turkey is a difficult one because the country is under-

going a handover of political authority. So, moves by the United States to use the country as a possible staging area for a potential conflict with Iraq are going slowly.

"We have had some success and we are still waiting for answers with some of our other requests."

■ He said he thought the chances of reactivating the draft were "zero." He said the current volunteer force has worked well for the country for several decades, and he saw nothing wrong with the country having to recruit volunteers "that this country needs to perform these enormously important tasks."

■ Asked about possible missions after Iraq, the secretary said the world is still a dangerous place.

"Iraq or no Iraq, the global war on terrorism will go on," he said.

■ Told that the F-16 that he was standing next to was 15 years old, Rumsfeld jokingly scoffed: "Fifteen? That's young. I'm 70." But he said President Bush has allocated funding for the next generation of aircraft for the Air Force in budget proposals.

■ Secretary of State Colin

Powell's speech before the United Nations was "excellent, persuasive and compelling," Rumsfeld said.

He said he didn't think the speech would sway many people in the Middle East, because "those people already know Saddam Hussein." But he said he hoped that some of America's more reluctant European allies were listening carefully.

■ Rumsfeld said he doubted the country would fully mobilize its reserve forces, but admitted that he has signed a lot of paperwork approving various deployments. He also hinted at some future reorganization in the way the military handles such call-ups.

After answering the final question, the secretary slowly headed out of the hangar, stopping frequently to exchange greetings with a swarm of airmen.

Maj. Todd Joachim was one of those who got a picture taken with the secretary.

"I'm excited about it," Joachim said. He described Rumsfeld's speech as "short, motivational and something a lot of us just wanted to hear."

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## Up for another season

Kelsey Grammer, already signed for an 11th season of "Frasier," says he'd consider doing one more year.

That would make psychiatrist Frasier Crane the longest-running character on television, at 21 years, including the time on "Cheers."

Grammer tells TV Guide in its Feb. 8 issue that he's satisfied with his payday. At \$1.6 million an episode, "I'm making enough," he says.

## Doors bandmates sued

Doors drummer John Densmore is suing fellow bandmates Ray Manzarek and Robby Krieger for going on tour as The Doors without him.

The lawsuit, filed Tuesday in Los Angeles Superior Court, seeks a court order prohibiting keyboardist Manzarek and guitarist Krieger from calling themselves The Doors when they perform without Densmore. It also requests that Densmore, 58, be paid a share of profits from any shows that have taken place without him.

## Faces 'n' places

The lawsuit states that after lead singer Jim Morrison died in 1971, Densmore, Manzarek and Krieger agreed they'd split any future profits from The Doors music three ways and that the band's name wouldn't be used if all three original surviving members weren't involved.

Manzarek, 63, and Krieger, 57, along with singer Ian Astbury of The Cult and former Police drummer Stewart Copeland, were to perform Friday at the Universal Amphitheatre.

## Engagement is off

The second "Bachelor" is still a bachelor.

Aaron Buerge, a 28-year-old banker from Springfield, Mo., proposed to Helene Eksterowicz, a 27-year-old psychologist from Gloucester City, N.J., at the end of the second season of "The Bachelor," ABC's romance-reality series in which an eligible guy chooses a bride from among 25 hopefuls.

An estimated 29 million viewers watched the Nov. 20 finale, as Buerge got down on one knee and placed a diamond ring on Eksterowicz's left hand. Buerge and Eksterowicz will explain why the romance died on a Feb. 20 ABC special.

## Douglas records conflict

Actor Michael Douglas wrapped up a trip to war-ravaged Sierra Leone on Wednesday, checking out vast stockpiles of surrendered arms and talking with victims of the ruthless 10-year conflict.

Douglas, also a U.N. peace envoy, is producing a film with the United Nations on the West African nation's child soldiers.

Sierra Leone is recovering from one of Africa's most brutal wars. Sierra Leone authorities declared the war over in January 2002, after deployments by the United Nations, former colonial ruler Britain, and neighboring Guinea finally broke the rebel movement.

From wire services

# In Jordan's final All-Star outing, new generation displacing NBA vets

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — When the ball goes up for tipoff of the All-Star Game at approximately 8:30 p.m. EST Sunday, Shaquille O'Neal and Michael Jordan will be watching from the bench for the very first time.

Karl Malone will probably be off hunting or fishing. Reggie Miller might be on a beach. Grant Hill and Dikembe Mutombo will be recuperating. David Robinson will be planning his impending retirement.

A new generation of perennial All-Stars, along with the NBA's newest curiosity, will comprise the two starting units as the league holds its 52nd annual showcase event.

Four of the starters, Kevin Garnett, Tracy McGrady, Kobe Bryant and Jermaine O'Neal, jumped directly from high school to the pros without spending a day in college.

One of them, 7-foot-6 center Yao Ming, made the biggest leap of them all — coming from China to the United States and becoming the first rookie to displace an established starting center since O'Neal did it to Patrick Ewing a decade ago.

This will be the first time in 25 years that the All-Star Game has come to Atlanta. The last time was in 1978, when Randy Smith of the Buffalo Braves came off the bench to lead all scorers with 27 points.

"I remember begging editors to send their reporters so we could get some press coverage," commissioner David Stern recalled Thursday. "I remember a

snowstorm Monday morning so we couldn't get out; a comedian whose name escapes me who appeared at dinner and went long."

"Twenty-five years ago we were worrying about getting media in this country to cover us, and now we have to worry about where to put all the media from all over the world. It's a wonderful problem to have."

Let's take a look at what some of this year's All-Stars were doing back in '78: Four (Bryant, Dirk Nowitzki, Yao and Tracy McGrady) weren't born yet.

A dozen (Vince Carter, Zydrunas Ilgauskas, Allen Iverson, Brad Miller, Paul Pierce, Antoine Walker, Tim Duncan, Garnett, Steve Francis, Stephon Marbury, Shawn Marion, Peja Stojakovic) were in diapers.

Steve Nash presumably was out of diapers by then. He was 4.

Ben Wallace might have been. He was 3.

Jordan was 16, still a year away from his first job as a dishwasher at Whitey's restaurant in Wilmington, N.C. He would become an All-Star himself seven years later, eventually getting voted in by the fans as a starter 13 times.

"It doesn't matter if you play or you don't play," Jordan said. "It's truly an honor just to be selected on that team."

"That's the way I accept it. I don't go in there thinking any less than the other 13 times I've been there."

Making his 14th and final appearance, Jordan plans to retire after this season — he swears he means it this time — and will be bidding farewell to the game he dominated so many times.

He has the only triple-double in the

game's history, three All-Star MVP trophies and the fourth-highest average (20.2) among all players with at least three appearances. Bryant ranks first with a 20.8 average in four appearances. Jordan needs to score 10 points to surpass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (251 points in 18 appearances) as the leading scorer in All-Star history.

If he does it, he'll be accomplishing that feat just eight days shy of his 40th birthday.

"I look forward to spending time with some of the guys I never probably get the time to spend with, even though I'm a little bit older than most of them," Jordan said. "All I'm going to do is just try to enjoy myself."

The NBA selected one of the players' most favorite cities for this year's All-Star Weekend, and Atlanta will be hopping into the wee hours of the morning as players from around the league — All-Stars and non All-Stars — flock to the capital of the new South.

"Guys have never really said that they like playing here when they're part of the [Hawks], but they all look forward to coming to play here," said Chris Webber, the only one of the 24 All-Stars who will be unable to play because of injury.

Atlanta is the city where Shaquille O'Neal spent his first day as a member of the Los Angeles Lakers, signing with them in the summer of 1996 on the day the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team arrived in town for the Olympics.

That was the day O'Neal proudly made the observation that he had won at every level except college and the pros — a statement that was mocked at the time for being indicative of how truly

clueless the next generation of players had become.

Three NBA titles later, O'Neal is no longer at the forefront of the next generation. He has reached a sort of NBA middle age, a bridge between the Jordan generation and the current era — Generation "Y" as in Yao.

"Yao Ming is my brother," O'Neal said after the two faced each other for the first time last month in Houston.

On Sunday, they'll be teammates for the first time.

"He can play point guard and I'll be the shooting guard," Yao quipped.

There are some similarities between this year's game and the last All-Star Game in Atlanta in 1978.

There were no Hawks in that game, which was won by the East 133-125. This year, they're a bad team playing in a 4-year-old arena with no All-Stars and the second-lowest attendance in the league.

"The All-Star team, as it should, recognizes contributions from winning teams," Hawks coach Terry Stotts said.

A majority of this year's All-Stars fit that bill.

Nash and Dirk Nowitzki will represent the Dallas Mavericks, the team with the league's best record (38-10).

O'Neal and Bryant will represent the three-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers.

Jason Kidd is there for the New Jersey Nets, and the other O'Neal — Jermaine — will represent the Indiana Pacers. Those two teams enter the All-Star break tied for the best record in the East (34-15).

Coaching the East will be Indiana's Isiah Thomas, while Rick Adelman of the Sacramento Kings will lead the West.

## OLYMPICS

CHICAGO — As fascinating as the U.S. Olympic Committee's constant squabbles and scandals are, its members really would like to get back to their normal business.

Like winning medals. Making sure U.S. athletes have the resources and facilities they need. And getting ready for an Athens Olympics that is a mere 18 months away.

But they're going to have to find a way out of their latest mess first. The USOC executive committee is hoping that cleanup will start at a meeting Saturday, as the search begins for yet another new president.

## SKIING

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland — Bode Miller of the United States captured his first major title, winning the gold medal in the combined at the world championships.

Norwegians Lasse Kjus and Kjetil Andre Aamodt won the silver and bronze in the combined. Kjus and Aamodt both have a record-tying 11 medals at the world championships, matching the total of Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg.

## GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Kevin Sutherland shot a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke lead over Mike Weir and Robert Gamez in the first round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

SYDNEY, Australia — Australia's Brendan Jones scored 14 under the modified Stableford format for a share of the second-round lead in the ANZ Championship.

Jones had 22 points overall to match countrymen Nathan Green, Nick O'Hern and Terry Price.

## Sports in brief

### TRACK AND FIELD

RALEIGH, N.C. — Relieved Marion Jones is leaving the coach who gave Ben Johnson steroids, track and field's ruling body now wants her boyfriend and sprint champion Tim Montgomery to do the same.

Jones, her golden image at risk, said she is regretfully ending her relationship with Charlie Francis. So far, Montgomery has not commented on whether he would continue to work with the coach.

### TENNIS

ZAGREB, Croatia — Mardy Fish will make his Davis Cup singles debut in opening the U.S. team's World Group matches against Croatia on Friday.

Fish will play Ivan Ljubicic, followed by the Americans' most experienced member, James Blake, against Mario Ancic.

Fish and Blake were also nominated to play the doubles on Saturday, and the reverse singles Sunday.

HYDERABAD, India — Mary Pierce was weakened by a throat infection and lost in the Indian Open quarterfinals, beaten by Flavia Pennetta 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Also, second-seeded Tamarine Tanasugarn defeated qualifier Maria Kirilenko, Akiko Morigami, ranked No. 128, downed eighth-seeded Silvija Talaja, and fifth-seeded Iroda Tulyaganova beat Tzipi Obziler.

PARIS — A tearful Amelie Mauresmo made a strong comeback before a home crowd, defeating Ai Sugiyama 7-5, 6-2 to reach the Gaz de France quarterfinals.

Janette Husarova beat Tina Pisnik, and will next play top-ranked Serena

Williams. Eleni Daniilidou topped Stephanie Foretz, and fourth-seeded Jelena Dokic beat Emilie Loit.

LONDON — Israel's Amir Hadad, a Jew, and Pakistan's Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, a Muslim, received the ATP's Arthur Ashe Humanitarian Award for promoting "tolerance through tennis." They played doubles at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open last year.

### HOCKEY

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Along with asking for an additional \$15 million line of credit to cover operating expenses, the bankrupt Buffalo Sabres will seek court approval Friday to pay four players their deferred signing bonuses.

The Sabres, in jeopardy of folding or moving after the end of this season, owe their 40 largest creditors more than \$206 million.

The list of creditors includes four current players — forward Curtis Brown, goalie Ryan Miller and defensemen Jay McKee and Brian Campbell. They are owed a combined \$541,666 in deferred signing bonus money due last month.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devils forward Sergei Brylin had surgery on his broken right wrist and is expected to be sidelined two-to-three months.

### HORSE RACING

NEW YORK — Vindication, the unbeaten 2-year-old champion and winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile, strained a ligament in his left front leg and will miss the Kentucky Derby and the other Triple Crown races.

Trained by Bob Baffert, the son of Seattle Slew was the early favorite for the Derby on May 3 after winning all four of his starts. The injury was not considered serious, and the colt could return to race in the summer.

## FOOTBALL

SAN FRANCISCO — The Oakland Raiders weren't able to beat Tampa Bay in the Super Bowl, but they're winning parts of a battle with the Internal Revenue Service.

A federal appeals court ordered renewed litigation on the Raiders' income tax challenge stemming from the team's failed proposal to move to Irwindale.

In a separate action, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals also sided with the Raiders over a tax dispute stemming from a scuttled agreement to build luxury boxes at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

## YACHTING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Challenger Alinghi will not use a version of Team New Zealand's false hull in the America's Cup final.

New Zealand's Hula, or hull appendage, has been lauded as its secret weapon and the greatest design innovation in Cup sailing in the past 20 years.

But Alinghi strategist Jochen Schuemann, his crewmates and a growing number of observers have questioned whether the Hula will give New Zealand an advantage in the best-of-nine final that begins Feb. 15.

## BOXING

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Boxing promoter Don King accepted the keys to the Nicaraguan capital from Managua Mayor Herty Lewites.

King donated \$100,000 to the Bertha Calderon women's hospital and offered to finance the construction of 12 new boxing rings in the city.

From The Associated Press



## Panthers 6, Penguins 0

PITTSBURGH — Mario the Magnificent turned into Mario the Pugilist in Pittsburgh's lopsided loss to Florida.

For the first time in nearly seven years, the Hall of Fame center was ejected from an NHL game for fighting.

Lemieux, who had eight penalty minutes heading into the game, picked up 29 with 5:12 to play Thursday night in the Penguins' 6-0 loss. The league's leading scorer slashed Florida's Brad Ference and then dropped his gloves against the fourth-year defenseman.

"The way he plays, he's got to expect that," Lemieux said of Ference. "He takes a lot of cheap shots out there, and when the game is out of hand like that, he's going to pay for it."

What bothered the Penguins' owner the most was a second-period cross-check to his back. After challenging Ference late in the game, Lemieux was assessed minor penalties for slashing and instigating, a major penalty for fighting, a 10-minute misconduct and a game misconduct.

Lemieux's last ejection for fighting was April 24, 1996, when he took on Washington's Todd Krygier in the playoffs. Thursday's fighting major was his first in a regular-season game since March 20, 1987, at Washington, when he tangled with Bobby Gould.

Lemieux's frustration is understandable. Pittsburgh has lost four in a row and five of its last six

## NHL roundup

home games. The Penguins, trying to avoid missing the playoffs in consecutive years for the first time since 1988, are 1-6-1 in their past eight games.

Niklas Hagman, Kristian Huselius and Matt Cullen broke out of long scoring slumps for Florida. Hagman scored his first goal in 29 games, Huselius his first in 19 games and Cullen his first in 17.

Roberto Luongo made 28 saves for his fifth shutout of the season and 14th with the Panthers, a team record.

### Avalanche 1, Red Wings 0

DETROIT — Patrick Roy recorded his 64th career shutout, tying Toronto's Ed Belfour for the most by an active goalie. Roy made 28 saves and earned his third shutout in the past six games.

Alex Tanguay scored for the Avalanche, who left Brett Hull waiting to join the 700-goal club. Hull has not scored in six games. Colorado is 5-0-2 since losing to Detroit on Jan. 16 at home, and is unbeaten in a season-best seven games.

### Maple Leafs 3, Lightning 2 (OT)

TAMPA, Fla. — Nik Antropov scored off a rebound goal with 1:11 left in overtime, moments after Tampa Bay's Nolan Pratt hit the goalpost.

Trevor Kidd made 34 saves for Toronto, which has won eight straight against the Lightning. The Maple Leafs are 16-2 overall at Tampa Bay.

### Bruins 6, Canadiens 3

BOSTON — Martin Lapointe scored his first goal since the second game of the season and Jeff Hackett stopped 28 shots against his former team.

### Blues 4, Rangers 4

ST. LOUIS — Keith Tkachuk and Mikael Samuelsson scored two goals apiece, and each got one late in the third period.

Pavol Demitra had a goal and two assists for the Blues, who rallied from an early 2-0 deficit after pulling goalie Brent Johnson.

### Blackhawks 2, Blackhawks 2

CALGARY, Alberta — Chris Drury scored the tying goal and Jamie McLennan made 30 saves, including 10 in overtime for Calgary.

### Flyers 2, Senators 2

OTTAWA — Eric Chouinard scored in the first period and assisted on Jeremy Roenick's goal in the second for Philadelphia.

From The Associated Press

## Report: Major creditors accept Bryden's bid

TORONTO — Former majority owner Rod Bryden's bid for the Ottawa Senators has been accepted by the NHL club's major creditors, the Globe and Mail reported Friday.

Details of the bid are expected to be announced Friday after lawyers sign final documents, sources familiar with the talks told the newspaper Thursday night.

Last week, Canadian billionaire Eugene Melnyk said he would make an all-cash bid for the team if Bryden's offer failed.

"Everybody has kind of been expecting this," Melnyk told the Globe on Thursday when told that Bryden's bid had been accepted.

The deal, which also includes the Corel Centre, is reportedly worth more than \$85 million and is backed by a New York company run by billionaire Nelson Peltz.

It's expected that the sale, if it meets various conditions, would have to be completed by May.

Bryden has said that the deal would leave the team with a manageable \$33 million in debt — a fraction of the more than \$235 million owed by the club and

a separate company of Bryden's that owns the Corel Centre.

The deal should allow Bryden to rearrange financial agreements between the Senators and the Corel Centre that would give the team a more affordable lease, a greater share of rink advertising, and more revenues from parking and concessions.

Although it's saddled with debt, the Corel Centre made a profit of \$11.85 million on operations last year. The Senators had an operating loss of \$6.4 million.

The Senators have been operating under bankruptcy court protection since Jan. 9, when the team received interim financing from CIBC and FleetBoston Financial Corp. worth \$9 million so it could pay current expenses — including its players.

## Wild coach Lemaire, assistants get extensions

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Coach Jacques Lemaire and two of his assistants were given contract extensions Thursday, rewards for the Minnesota Wild's unexpectedly fast rise to contention.

## NHL briefs

Terms were not disclosed.

The assistants getting extensions are Mario Tremblay and Mike Ramsey, a Minneapolis native and former Minnesota Golden Gopher.

"I think it was a great opportunity for me to work with a good bunch of guys," Lemaire said. "I think things have been going really well, so why change?"

Lemaire, the only coach in the Wild's three-year history, also has coached Montreal and New Jersey, where he won a Stanley Cup in 1995.

He was a consultant for the Canadiens when Wild general manager Doug Risebrough, a close friend and former Montreal teammate, lured him to Minnesota to coach the expansion franchise.

Lemaire has compiled a 77-92-33-15 record with Minnesota. Under his guidance, the Wild have ascended from expansion team to playoff contender considerably faster than most expected.

The Wild won 25 games in their inaugural season and 26 a year ago. With a third of this season remaining, they are a solid sixth in the tough Western Conference with a 26-18-8-1 record.

Eight of 15 teams in each conference qualify for the playoffs.

During his time with the Wild, Lemaire has preached fundamental hockey skills, nurtured team chemistry and overseen the development of All-Star forward Marian Gaborik, who at 20 already is considered one of the best players in the NHL.

## Devils' Brylin out 2-3 months with broken wrist

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Devils forward Sergei Brylin had surgery on his broken right wrist Thursday and is expected to be sidelined 2-to-3 months.

He most likely will miss the rest of the regular season and the first month of the playoffs.

Devils General Manager Lou Lamoriello characterized the injury as a severe break and said doctors placed a pin in the wrist.

Brylin was injured in the first period of Wednesday night's 4-1 victory over Washington. He was hit along the boards by teammate Colin White and the Capitals' Steve Konowalchuk.

Brylin, a nine-year veteran, has 11 goals in 51 games.

From The Associated Press

## Lakers 114, Knicks 109

NEW YORK — Phil Jackson recently asked Kobe Bryant to shoulder a bigger load of the Los Angeles Lakers' offense.

Boy, has Bryant responded to his coach.

Bryant dazzled the New York Knicks with an array of drives, jumpers and dunks, matching his season high with 46 points to lead the Lakers to a 114-109 victory Thursday night and their first winning record of the season heading into the All-Star break.

Shaquille O'Neal added 33 points as the Knicks had no answer for Los Angeles' dynamic duo. Bryant (40) and O'Neal (28) combined to outscore the Knicks in the first three quarters as the Lakers took a 97-67 lead.

"That was quite a show the first three quarters," Jackson said. "Shaq and Kobe put on a show tonight. It was a spectacular performance by Kobe."

Bryant has scored at least 35 points in five straight games, scoring 201 points in that stretch as Jackson asked his star for more offense.

"He's opened the offense up and allowed me to penetrate more," Bryant said. "I'm getting the ball in position where I can score quickly. I'm being more assertive."

The Lakers (24-23) then survived a spirited fourth-quarter rally by the Knicks to end the first half of the season with their fifth straight victory, including four on the road.

After a sluggish start left the Lakers 11-19 following a Christmas Day loss to Sacramento, the three-time defending champions have won 13 of 17 to close within 1½ games of Houston for the final playoff spot in the West.

"Kobe and Shaq have shown they're the top two dogs in the league," teammate Robert Horry said. "They're carrying us. You have to give the credit to those two guys."

The Knicks, who had won seven of 10, played the second half without leading scorer Allan Houston, who left with a bruised right wrist and is day to day.

## NBA roundup

Latrell Sprewell led New York with 24 points, Howard Easley added 16 and Charlie Ward had 15 points and 11 assists.

Bryant had 16 of his 22 third-quarter points during a 25-9 run that put the Lakers up 95-61 with 1:41 to go.

The Lakers used a 17-4 run to go up 35-23 with 8:17 to play in the half. The game stayed fairly even until Bryant ended the half with some flair.

With just over a minute left, Bryant beat Sprewell to the baseline and threw down a reverse tomahawk jam that brought oohs and aahs from the fans.

"It's been a long time since I've had a dunk during the game that had the crowd buzzing a couple of plays later," Bryant said.

"That felt good."

Bryant then posed after hitting a three-pointer over Sprewell with under a second left that made it 60-45 at the half.

## Bucks 97, SuperSonics 91

MILWAUKEE — Ray Allen scored 14 of his 27 points in the fourth quarter as Milwaukee sent Seattle into the All-Star break with a three-game losing streak.

Allen and Michael Redd, who had 19 points, scored the first 22 points in the final quarter to help the Bucks improve to 11-3 in their past 14 games. Gary Payton had 27 points for Seattle.

## Spurs 83, Nuggets 74

DENVER — Tim Duncan had 25 points, eight rebounds and five assists, and Tony Parker scored 19 of his 23 points in the third quarter as San Antonio won its fifth straight.

San Antonio played without center David Robinson, out because of a sore knee. The Spurs then lost third-leading scorer Stephen Jackson to a sprained right ankle five minutes into the game.

Juwan Howard led Denver with 23 points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

From The Associated Press

## College basketball

### Virginia 86, No. 8 Maryland 78

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — No longer forced to play in their personal House of Horrors, the Virginia Cavaliers made themselves right at home in Maryland's new arena.

Reserve Devin Smith scored 17 points and keyed a 16-0 second-half run as Virginia erased a 12-point deficit and stunned the eighth-ranked Terrapins 86-78 Thursday night.

It was the first Atlantic Coast Conference road victory for the Cavaliers. Virginia had lost nine straight and was 13-34 at Cole Field House, where Maryland played from 1955 through last season.

"We beat a terrific team in a very tough place to play," Virginia coach Pete Gillen said.

Down 65-53 with 12:50 remaining, Virginia (13-7, 4-4) appeared headed to yet another loss at Maryland. But Smith sparked the shocking comeback, twice hitting successive three-pointers to spark the Cavaliers to only their second road victory of the year.

"This is a tough venue," Gillen said. "As they get the lead, the crowd gets louder and you get a little out of sync. But we just kept throwing guys in there, and fortunately they did a good job."

Travis Watson had 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Cavaliers, who lost their last five games at Cole by an average of 18 points.

Ryan Randle scored 17 for the Terrapins (14-5, 6-2), whose five-game winning streak ended in surprise fashion. The defending NCAA champions had won 14 straight ACC home games and were 11-1 at home.

### No. 2 Arizona 88, Washington 85

SEATTLE — Arizona coach Lute Olson had no problem admitting it: The Wildcats got away with one.

Salim Stoudamire scored 25 points, including a big three-pointer late in overtime, and Channing Frye had 24 points and 12 rebounds as No. 2 Arizona survived a scare to beat Washington 88-85 Thursday night.

"We were lucky," Olson said. "That's all you can say. We were flat-out lucky."

The Wildcats (17-2, 9-1 Pac-10) beat Washington (8-11, 3-7) for the 12th time in the last 13 meetings, but they had to sweat this one out in front of a capacity crowd of 10,028 raucous fans eager for an upset.

Bobby Jones hit two free throws to give Washington an 84-82 lead with 1:35 to play. After a timeout, Stoudamire swished a three-pointer that put the Wildcats ahead 85-84 with 1:18 remaining.

"It was huge," Olson said. "Salim can really shoot it. They did a nice job on him tonight. We had to work to get him some shots."

Frye got free for a layup with 20 seconds to go, giving Arizona a seemingly safe 87-84 cushion. But the outcome wasn't settled until an insurance free throw in the closing seconds by Rick Anderson.

"This loss does not sit well, but it shows we can play against elite teams and it shows the potential we have," said Jones, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds. "Our confidence is very high."

Washington came in as the Pac-10's worst rebounding team while Arizona was the best. The Huskies outplayed

Arizona, holding a 44-39 rebounding advantage that included 21 offensive boards. The Wildcats, though, had the leadership and seasoning to hold off the up-and-coming Huskies.

"I felt Washington played harder than we did," Olson said. "They competed harder. They played with a lot more enthusiasm than our guys did. They deserved to win the game."

"The only thing that saved us was a three-pointer by Salim," he added.

Nate Robinson matched a career high with 19 points for Washington, while Curtis Allen scored 15 and Will Conroy added 11.

**Luke Walton scored 13 points, becoming the 32nd Arizona player to score 1,000 points in his career.**

After Stoudamire's big shot, the Huskies were down to the final chance. Robinson worked the backcourt looking for an open teammate before settling for a three-point try from the top of the key that bounced off the rim.

"We got lucky," Stoudamire said. "Washington should have won that game. We've been doing this all year long. I just don't understand it."

The last time the Huskies beat such a highly ranked opponent, coach Lorenzo Romar was playing the point for the Huskies. He was in the lineup when the Huskies upset No. 1 UCLA 69-68 on Feb. 22, 1979.

### No. 14 Wake Forest 73, N.C. State 58

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Josh Howard was silent for a half, then broke loose.

Howard, coming off a career-best 32 points at North Carolina on Sunday, scored 20 of his 24 points in the second half as the Demon Deacons (16-2, 6-2) secured their best start in the Atlantic Coast Conference since going 7-1 in 1997.

The Wolfpack (12-6, 5-3) dropped into a third-place tie in the ACC with Duke at the halfway point.

The Wolfpack led by four at halftime, but missed its next nine three-pointers and finished 6-for-26 from beyond the arc.

Howard was 8-for-13 from the field, 7-for-7 from the foul line and added 12 rebounds as Wake Forest improved to 12-0 at home.

### Oregon 79, No. 25 Stanford 64

EUGENE, Ore. — Luke Ridnour scored all 23 of his points in the second half and extended his free throw streak to a school-record 43 in a row to lead Oregon.

Ridnour sat for the final 18:03 of the first half after picking up his second foul in 32 seconds. He came back to help the Ducks (16-5, 6-4 Pac-10) stop Stanford's four-game winning streak.

In the second half, he shot 7-for-13 from the field and made all six of his foul shots. The previous school mark for free throws was 41 straight.

Oregon, which started the week by dropping out of The Associated Press rankings for the first time in 18 weeks, beat the Cardinal for only the second time in 15 games. The Ducks avenged an 81-57 loss earlier this season at Stanford.

The Cardinal (16-6, 7-3), which recently beat then-No. 1 Arizona, got 17 points from Julius Barnes. Josh Childress added 15 points and 13 rebounds.

From The Associated Press

## Scores/standings

### NHL

#### Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	33	12	3	4	73	138	98
Philadelphia	28	14	9	2	67	126	114
N.Y. Islanders	24	21	5	2	55	144	150
Pittsburgh	21	24	4	5	51	140	160
N.Y. Rangers	21	27	7	2	51	146	178

#### Northeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	33	14	7	1	74	179	126
Toronto	29	20	4	1	63	153	132
Boston	27	19	5	2	61	159	139
Montreal	21	22	7	5	54	147	164
Buffalo	15	25	7	4	41	110	134

#### Southeast Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	25	20	7	3	60	158	150
Tampa Bay	22	20	7	5	56	148	152
Florida	16	20	10	8	50	124	160
Carolina	17	26	6	5	45	117	153
Atlanta	18	27	3	4	43	143	186

#### Western Conference Central Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	28	15	8	4	68	176	142
Detroit	27	16	9	2	65	154	133
Chicago	22	19	10	3	57	129	130
Columbus	20	25	6	2	48	150	164
Nashville	17	23	9	4	47	121	142

#### Northwest Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	30	16	8	0	68	166	141
Edmonton	25	16	6	6	62	148	141
Minnesota	26	18	8	1	61	128	117
Colorado	22	14	11	5	60	148	129
Calgary	17	26	8	3	45	116	152

#### Pacific Division

	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	30	11	12	1	73	167	109
Anaheim	23	19	7	4	57	130	132
San Jose	20	21	6	5	51	143	154
Los Angeles	21	24	4	4	50	132	147
Phoenix	19	22	7	4	49	131	142

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

#### Thursday's games

Boston 6, Montreal 3  
Philadelphia 2, Ottawa 2, tie  
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2, OT  
Florida 6, Pittsburgh 0  
N.Y. Rangers 4, St. Louis 4, tie  
Colorado 1, Detroit 0  
Chicago 2, Calgary 2, tie

#### Friday's games

Vancouver at Buffalo  
N.Y. Islanders at Washington  
Atlanta at New Jersey  
San Jose at Minnesota  
Calgary at Edmonton  
Carolina at Los Angeles  
Phoenix at Anaheim

#### Saturday's games

Pittsburgh at Boston  
Detroit at Colorado  
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia  
Atlanta at Ottawa  
Buffalo at N.Y. Islanders  
Montreal at Toronto  
Tampa Bay at Florida  
San Jose at St. Louis  
Columbus at Nashville  
Dallas at Phoenix  
Chicago at Edmonton

#### Sunday's games

Minnesota at New Jersey  
Montreal at Washington  
Los Angeles at Dallas  
Carolina at Anaheim  
Calgary at Colorado

### NBA

#### Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	34	15	.694	—
Boston	27	22	.551	7
Philadelphia	25	24	.510	9
Washington	24	25	.490	10
Orlando	24	26	.480	10½
New York	21	27	.438	12½
Miami	17	32	.347	17

#### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	34	15	.694	—
Detroit	32	15	.681	1
Milwaukee	25	23	.521	8½
New Orleans	26	24	.520	8½
Atlanta	19	30	.388	15
Chicago	17	32	.347	17

Toronto	14	34	.292	19½
Cleveland	10	40	.200	24½

#### Western Conference Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	38	10	.792	—
San Antonio	33	16	.673	5½
Minnesota	29	20	.592	9½
Utah	29	20	.592	9½
Houston	26	22	.542	12
Memphis	13	35	.271	25
Denver	12	37	.245	26½

#### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	34	17	.667	—
Portland	32	16	.667	½
Phoenix	29	21	.580	4½
L.A. Lakers	24	23	.511	8
Golden State	21	27	.438	11½
Seattle	21	27	.438	11½
L.A. Clippers	17	32	.347	16

#### Wednesday's games

Boston 114, Seattle 74  
Cleveland 105, Houston 102  
Portland 101, Miami 87  
New Jersey 111, Philadelphia 85  
Detroit 89, L.A. Clippers 80  
New Orleans 108, Sacramento 84  
Utah 105, Memphis 84  
San Antonio 103, Golden State 99

#### Thursday's games

L.A. Lakers 114, New York 109  
Milwaukee 97, Seattle 91  
San Antonio 83, Denver 74

#### Friday's games

No games scheduled

#### Saturday's games

No games scheduled

#### Sunday's game

All-Star Game at Atlanta

## College basketball Men's Top 25 fared

### Thursday

- Florida (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Alabama, Saturday.
- Arizona (17-2) beat Washington 88-85, OT. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.
- Texas (14-4) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
- Pittsburgh (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Notre Dame, Sunday.
- Louisville (17-1) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.
- Kentucky (17-3) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Saturday.
- Oklahoma (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Saturday.
- Maryland (14-5) lost to Virginia 86-78. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
- Duke (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
- Notre Dame (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Pittsburgh, Sunday.
- Oklahoma State (18-2) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Sunday.
- Kansas (16-5) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
- Creighton (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Bradley, Saturday.
- Wake Forest (16-2) beat North Carolina State 73-58. Next: at No. 15 Marquette, Sunday.
- Marquette (16-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Wake Forest, Sunday.
- Illinois (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State, Sunday.
- Georgia (13-5) did not play. Next: at Tennessee, Saturday.
- Connecticut (13-5) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
- Syracuse (15-3) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Saturday.
- Xavier (16-4) did not play. Next: vs. Dayton, Saturday.
- Missouri (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Sunday.
- Alabama (13-6) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Florida, Saturday.
- Mississippi State (14-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.
- Purdue (15-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
- Stanford (16-6) lost to Oregon 79-64. Next: at Oregon State, Sunday.

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